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SUBJ: PLANNED AIRCRAFT PURCHASES BY VENEZUELAN AIRLINES

RIO FOR FAA IFO

1. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT LAV, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED DOMESTIC CARRIER, HAS SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT WITH MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DC-9-50 PASSENGER AIRCRAFT. THE AIRLINE IS ALSO LOOKING FOR USED DC-9-10 AND DC-9-30 AIRCRAFT WHICH, HOWEVER, ARE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY. IF SUCH EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION CANNOT BE FOUND, THE AIRLINE IS CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF UP TO FOUR BOEING 737-100 OR -200 AIRCRAFT.

2. AVENSA, THE PRIVATELY OWNED DOMESTIC AIRLINE, ALSO REPORTEDLY HAS ENTERED INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO DC-9-50 AIRCRAFT.

3. THE TWO AIRLINES PLAN JOINTLY TO START A SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN CARACAS AND MARGARITA ISLAND. ALSO, BOTH AIRLINES ARE CARRYING LOAD FACTORS OF OVER 90 PERCENT ON THE RUNS TO MARACAIBO AND TO CIUDAD GUAYANA/CUIDAD BOLIVAR AND ARE IN NEED OF LARGER EQUIPMENT. LAV PLANS TO PHASE OUT THE LAST FOUR UNITS OF BRITISH AVRO AIRCRAFT AND INTENDS TO BECOME AN ALL-US EQUIPMENT CARRIER.

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4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT EXPORT-IMPORT BANK FINANCING WILL  
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